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SUBJECT: SOVIETS TO EXPO 74

FOR EUR/SOV, VO, SCA/SCS

REF: A) STATE 29743; B) MOSCOW 3122

1. ON MARCH 11 CHIEF PASSPORT AND VISA SECTION OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION (KUSTOV) PHONED CONSOFF AND COMPLAINED ABOUT EMBASSY DELAY IN ISSUING VISAS TO SOVIETS ASSIGNED TO EXPO 74 IN SPOKANE. KUSTOV SUGGESTED US SHOULD ISSUE SUCH VISAS WITHIN TWO WEEKS UNDER OBLIGATIONS INHERENT UNDER EXCHANGES AGREEMENT. CONSOFF SAID HE WOULD CONSULT DEPT BEFORE RE-PLYING.

2. EMBASSY RECORDS INDICATE FOLLOWING MOSCOW TELEGRAMS CONTAINING SOVIET EXPO 74 VISA REQUESTS ARE PENDING AT DEPT:
FEB 19: 2380
FEB 20: 2447, 2449, 2454, 2476
FEB 21: 2504, 2553
FEB 22: 2594, 2596, 2628
MARCH 4: 3089
MARCH 7: 3268.

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3. EMBASSY UNAWARE OF ANY CLEAR OBLIGATION TO ISSUE VISAS

TO EXCHANGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF APPLICATION. ARTICLE 18(B) OF JUNE 19, 1973 AGREEMENT SPECIFIES APPLICATION SHOULD BE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE ETD. WHILE RECIPROCAL OBLIGATION OF ISSUING OFFICE TO GRANT VISA WITHIN TWO WEEKS MAY BE IMPLIED, NO SUCH OBLIGATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED ON THE RECORD TO OUR KNOWLEDGE.

4. EMBASSY UNCERTAIN OF EXTENT TO WHICH DEPT CONSIDERS EXPO 74 FALLS UNDER EXCHANGES AGREEMENT UMBRELLA. IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, SOVIET PARTICIPATION FALLS WITHIN GENERAL PROVISIONS OF SECTION IV OF ANNEX TO EXCHANGES AGREEMENT, BUT SOVIETS WERE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER EXPO 74 AS FALLING WITHIN SPIRIT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT WHEN INITIALLY APPROACHED ABOUT PARTICIPATING IN TRAIN-FEDOROV CHANNEL. HOWEVER, FORMAT IN REF A SUGGESTS THAT FOR VISA PURPOSES DEPT CONSIDERS SOVIET EXPO 74 PARTICIPATION AS PRIMARILY COMMERCIAL.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SO EMBASSY MAY REPLY TO KUSTOV. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE EXPEDITE AUTHORIZATION OF AT LEAST SOME OF VISA REQUESTS LISTED PARA 2.

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